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The Prior Jackson Homeplace is located two tenths of a mile south of the present city limits of Fayette on State Route DD. It faces west from atop a ridge crown that comprises the immediate environs or yard of the house. It is a two-story brick dwelling using the ell plan with the southern interior of the ell complete with a two-story enclosed gallery porch. It is a three-bay structure in the Classic Revival style. The decorative features of the house include a bracketed box cornice with a frieze trimmed with dentils and bed molding. There is a centrally situated one-story front porch. The entire house is basically of its original character structurally as it was at the time of its construction ca. 1852-1859.

EXTERIOR

This house is built in an ell plan, measuring 51 ft. in depth and 44 ft. in width. The structure is two-story brick, with a pitched hip roof, unfinished attic and a 32 by 26 ft. basement under the kitchen, dining room and gallery. That portion of the basement under the kitchen and dining room has a concrete floor laid by the present owners in 1965, with the remaining portion under the gallery still having the original dirt floor.

The foundation and exterior walls of the building are of red, hand-made brick, the walls being of 14 inch thickness. The brick pattern is laid in common, or American bond. In 1968, the entire structure was sand-blasted, tuck-pointed and silicone dressed. In 1956 the original roof of 18 inch soldered tin runners was covered with new sheathing between the standing seams and then covered with white asbestos shingles. The one-story front porch is of wood construction with the floor supported by a brick ledge laid in the front wall of the house. The roof is supported by four 8 ft. round wood columns. Five brick chimneys are contained within the fabric of the house and project through the slopes of the roof.

Windows of the three bay construction are paired across the west front of the house. They are rectangular with double hung 4/4 sash. The fourteen windows on the remaining facades are single opening, double hung 6/6 sash. All windows are surmounted by pediment shaped hewn oak lintels. The main entrance door is of paneled wood with a recessed rectangular transom and flanked by 4-paned sidelights.

The roofline is finished with a boxed cornice, frieze and paired supporting brackets, with a dentil top trim and a bed mold on the bottom of the frieze. There are no brackets on the more shallow eaves over the kitchen section of the house.

INTERIOR

The interior of the Prior M. Jackson Homeplace is essentially as it was at the time of its original construction. The main entrance opens into a central hallway. A curving walnut staircase with a 270° course leads to the second floor, with landings at the 90° and 180° angles. The newel post is of tapering

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octagonal design. The house's two downstairs fire parlor mantels are of a basic classic revival design common in houses built during this period throughout central Missouri. All of the original woodwork, doors and mantels remain. these are of white pine and all have been either painted or stained. The woodwork is plain but door and window frames are trimmed with a bed mold similar to that on the exterior frieze boards. The wood flooring of wide, random-width is retained throughout the house, except that the wood floor of the kitchen was covered with a brick motif vinyl-asbestos tile by the present owners in 1965.

ALTERATIONS

In addition to the changes already mentioned, the present owners have altered the residence to the following extent: Immediately after acquisition in 1965 a first and second floor bathroom were installed taking space from the twostory gallery adjacent to the brick portion of the building. This plumbing was a part of the addition to a two furnace hot water heating system for the two main floors and water service to the kitchen. Electricity, in the very simplist fashion, had been run to the kitchen and dining room by previous tenants; this was removed and complete wiring of the house up to code was accompolished. All modernization of utilities was done with an absolute minimum of disturbance of the existing walls, floors and ceilings. The open, uncovered east or back porch, which was in very poor repair, was replaced with a porch of the same size and a roof was added for protection. These repairs or alterations were made to make the dwelling safe and habitable in a comfortable fashion.

SITE

The Prior M. Jackson Homeplace is located just south of the City of Fayette in the approximate center of a 70 acre tract of the original John Jackson estate willed to his son Prior in 1848. The house is about 100 ft. east of State Route DD. It is surrounded by fields and the one acre yard is graced with large horse chestnut, pine and cedar trees. The outbuildings are four in number: a horse barn (a former owner, Joe Maupin, being a breeder of race and saddle horses of some local renown), a one car garage, a poultry house and smoke-house. These are not of any primary importance to the nominated property and may be completely disregarded insofar as they no way enhance the main structure.

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CONDITION AND STATUS

The Prior Jackson dwelling is in good condition, both exterior and interior. Constant minor maintenance is naturally required but the owners provide such needed repairs with each passing year.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Prior M. Jackson homeplace exists today as a well preserved Classic Revival style of dwelling. Its history is a part of the early history of Howard County, the mother of Missouri counties and it remains as the only physical evidence of the John Jackson family, pioneers of the Fayette area before Missouri was granted statehood and City of Fayette was established in 1823.

Captain John Jackson, of Tennessee, was born in May, 1776 - place of birth unknown. He served under General Andrew Jackson in the War of 1812 and was one of the heroes of the battle of New Orleans in 1815. He came to Howard County in 1819² and began the acquisition of farm land in central Howard County. He assisted Alfred W. Morrison, surveyor, in laying out the town of Fayette in 1823, the new county seat of Howard County. In 1833 he acquired from Rueben Johnson a 49 acre tract of land in Section 14, Township 50, Range 16, this being contiguous with his home place holdings. This tract, along with other acreage, was willed to his son, Prior M. Jackson, in John Jackson's will of 1845. John Jackson died Sept. 17, 1849, aged 73 yrs. 3 mos. 29 days.

Prior M. Jackson was born in Tennessee in 1805, the son of John Jackson and Susan Slayton Jackson. The place of his birth is not presently known. He came to Howard County with his father in 1819 and was associated with his father in farming the rather extensive holdings (over 600 acres) in the homeplace. He returned to Tennessee to take in marriage Miss Martha E. Stanton, the 20th of Feb. 1842. In addition to his farming interests he was active in public service, being elected county assessor in 1862, elected sheriff and ex-officio collector in 1865 and subsequently serving as an assistant U.S. Marshall in Missouri. Mrs. P.M. Jackson was active in the reorganization of the Presbyterian Church in Fayette in 1850.

At some point in time between 1852 and 1859 the Prior Jackson Homeplace was built. The later date (1859) is the date of a Circuit Court judgment in favor of Joseph Megraw against the brick dwelling and one acre of ground where the building was situated. Joseph Megraw, a carpenter and builder, came to Fayette in 1852 and established himself as a successful building contractor; included in the many important local structures attributed to him were the Howard County Courthouse and Fayette school. His Circuit Court judgment for \$870.00 was for material used in the construction of the Prior M. Jackson house. The brick for the house were fired on the site. In later years, 1908, 9.65 acres from the easternmost portion of the farm were sold to Joseph Gantner who constructed and operated a sizeable

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FOOTNOTES

- 1. History of Howard and Cooper Counties, p. 462.
- 2. History of Howard and Chariton Counties, p. 88.
- 3. History of Howard and Cooper Counties, p. 178.
- 4. Howard County, Missouri, Book L, p. 373.
- 5. Howard County Probate Record No. 4, p. 434.
- 6. Federal Census 1850 Howard County, p. 98.
- 7. Marriage Records of Howard County (1816-50), p. 22.
- 8. History of Howard and Chariton Counties, p. 121 and 123.
- 9. Howard County, Missouri, Book G, p. 464.
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- 11. Howard County Circuit Court Record 12, p. 191.
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The Prior M. Jackson homeplace is significant as a well perserved Central Passage I house with Classic Revival and Italianate decorative elements, and as the residence of Prior M. Jackson, who was a locally prominent citizen of Howard County.

The house that Prior Jackson erected during the 1850's is not an outstanding architectural example, but it is a substantial and well perserved representative of the better class of residence built in Howard County during this period of time. It is a traditional form now refered to as a Central Passage I house - one room deep, two rooms, plus hallway, wide and two full stories in height, with a two story ell attached to the rear which originally contained a two story open gallery porch that has since been enclosed. Its Classical Revival decorative elements include a doorway with sidelights and transom, a universal characteristic of the style in Missouri, and interior fireplace mantels also typical in Missouri for their massive, simple proportions. The shallow pitched hip roof made its appearance in Howard County in the 1850's particularly to span floor plans which had been expanded from one to two rooms deep to make possible deeper more dramatic hallways and fashionable double parlors separated by sliding doors. The Prior Jackson homeplace is a not so typical instance of a hip roof being employed on a house only one room deep and this might be interpreted as an Italianate feature applied to an essentially traditional form of housing.

The brackets under the eaves, while a characteristic Italianate decorative element, were widely used after 1850 in Missouri on houses of the otherwise Classic Revival style. The octagonal newell post in the Prior Jackson house is a standard feature of any pretentious house built between 1850-1875 in Missouri and is commonly found in Classic Revival, Italianate and Second Empire Style buildings.

Prior M. Jackson, for whom the house was erected, was born in Tennessee and brought to Howard County in 1819 when he was fourteen years old by his parents, John and Susan Slayton Jackson. John Jackson had been a veteran of the War of 1812 having fought under Andrew Jackson in the Battle of New Orleans. In Missouri, John Jackson soon began to acquire farm land in central Howard County.

Prior Jackson became associated with his father in farming the extensive holdings that came to comprise over 600 acres. When John Jackson died in 1849, the land on which the subject of this nomination was later to be built along with other holdings was willed to Prior M. Jackson.

Within a decade, he erected his homeplace and lived there until his death in 1876.

In 1842, he had married Miss Martha Stanton from his native Tennessee. In addition to his farming interests he was active in public service, being elected county assessor in 1862, elected sheriff and ex-officio collector in 1865 and subsequently serving as an assistant U.S. Marshall in Missouri. Mrs. P.M. Jackson was active in the reorganization of the Presbyterian Church in Fayette in 1850.

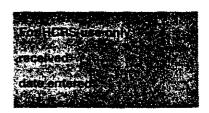
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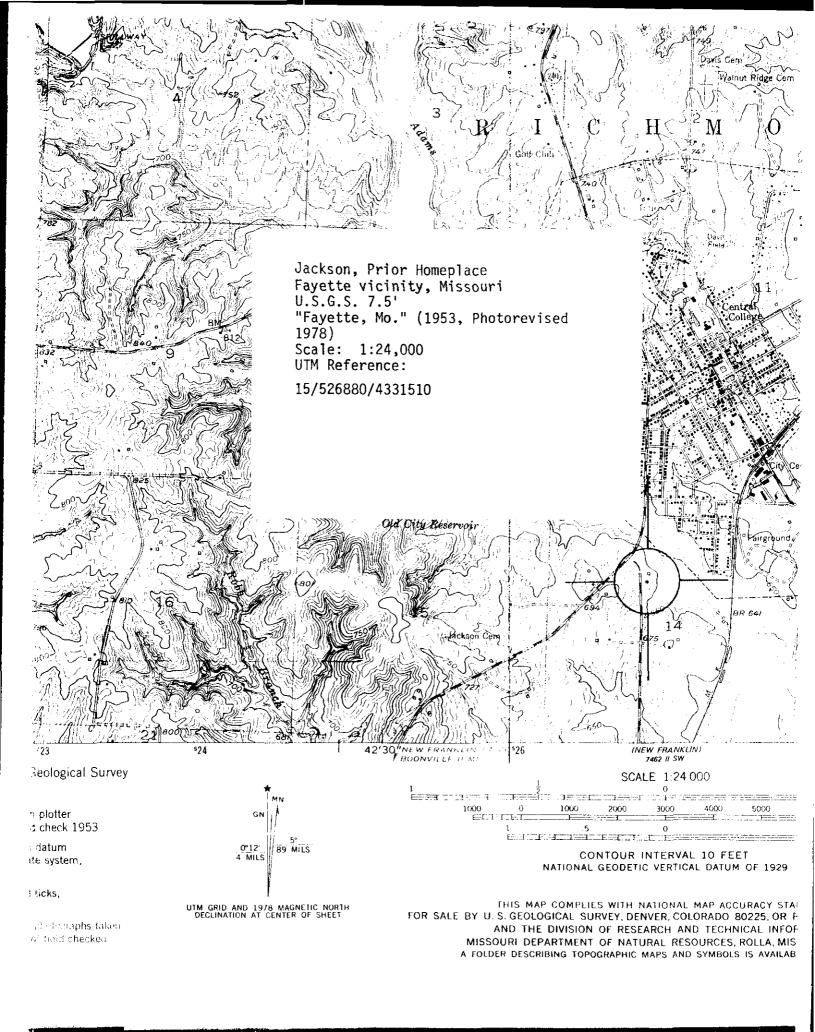
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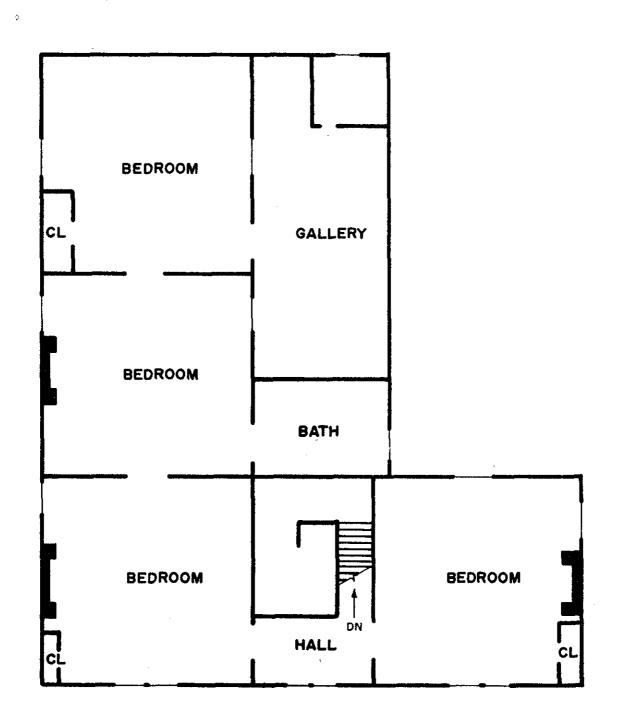
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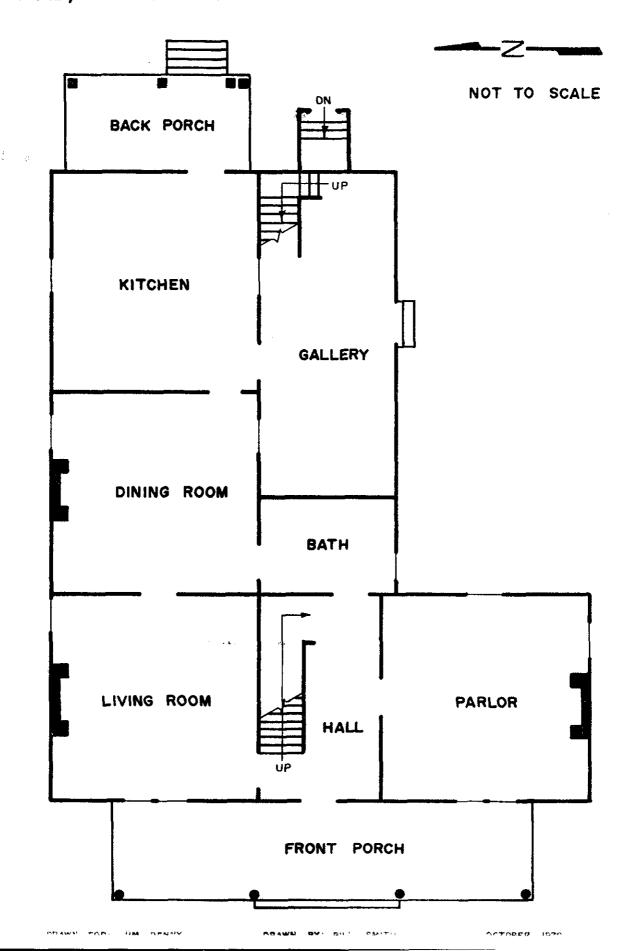
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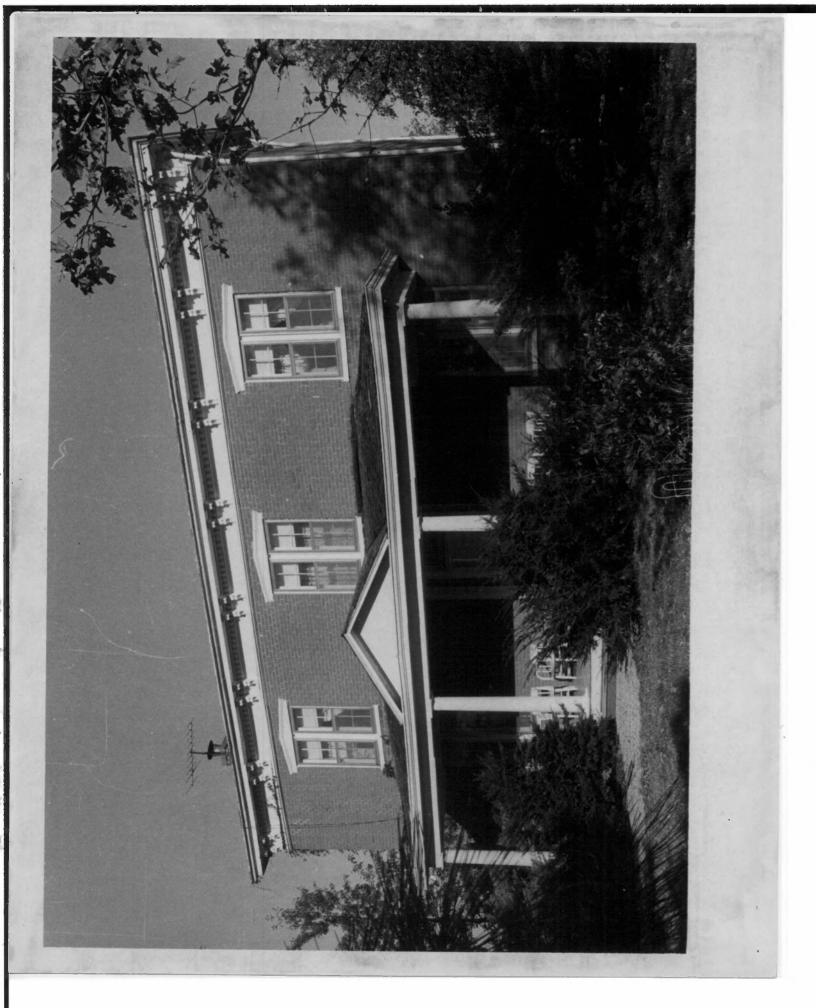


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Primary (West) facade; view looking East



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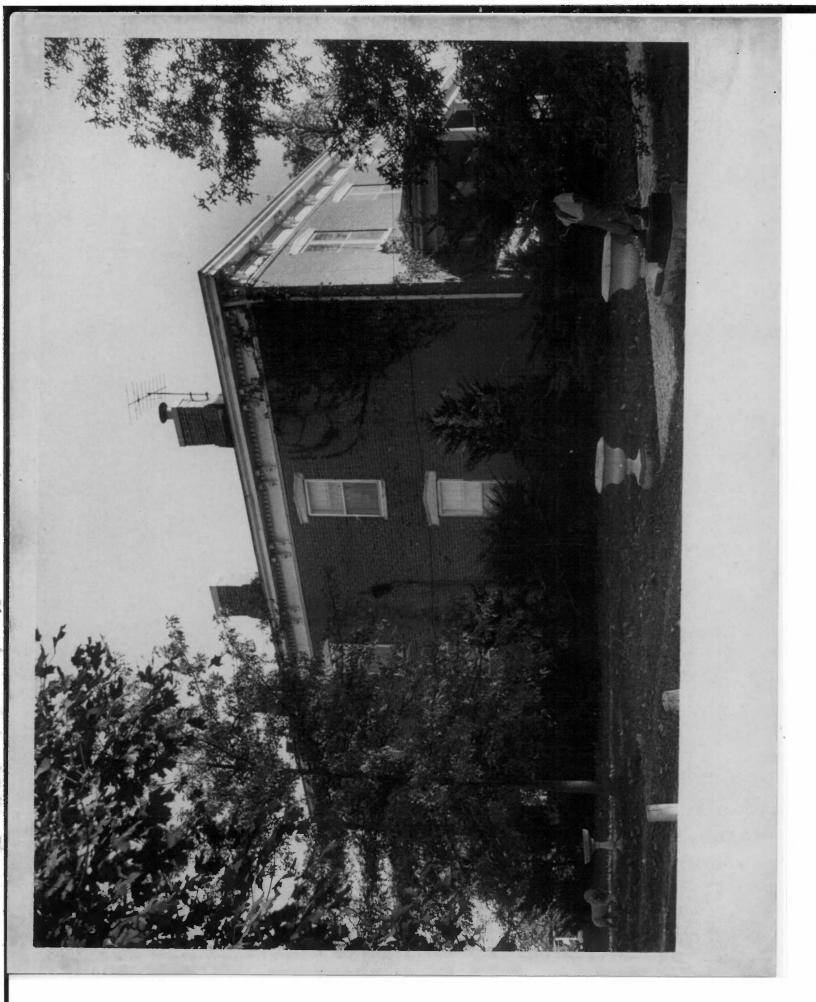
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North facade; view looking Southeast

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South facade; view looking North

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Interior view, central hall entry door; view looking West



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Interior view, central hall staircase; view looking East



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Interior view, fireplace of first floor North parlor; view looking North

